



Minutes NV COMMUNICATIONS STEERING COMMITTEE

DATE	April 6, 2006
TIME	2:00 PM
LOCATION	401 South Carson – Carson City 555 East Washington – Las Vegas
RECORDER	Maggie Thorne

ATTENDANCE

Carson City Members	Present	Las Vegas Members	Present
Terry Savage, Co-Chair, DoIT	✓	Jack Staley, Co-Chair , LV Water Dist.	✓
Robert Chisel, NDOT		Dennis Cobb, LV Metro Police	
Neil Harris, Elko Cty Sheriff's Office		Anthony DeMeo, Nye County	✓
Mark Foxen, NV Health Division	✓	Rod Massey, Clark County	
Kay Scherer, Dept of CNR	✓	Ronda Hornbeck, Lincoln Cty	
Major Bob Wideman, DPS	✓	Louis Amell, City of LV Fire Dept	✓
Adam Garcia, Police, UNR		Greg Marchio, US Secret Service	✓
Jake Conely, Sparks Fire Dept	✓	Theodore Quasula, LV Paiute Tribe	
Dan Newell, City of Yerington	✓	Bob Fisher, NV Broadcasters Assn.	✓ (late)
James Johns, Reno Police Dept			
Chris Lake, NV Hospital Association	✓		
Dan Holler, Douglas County			
Pete Menicucci, NV Nat'l Guard			

Staff

Name	Present	Name	Present
Mark Blomstrom, DoIT	✓	Glade Myler, Legal Counsel	✓
Maggie Thorne, DoIT	✓	Dave McTerr, Administration	

I. CALL TO ORDER

Terry Savage called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

II ROLL CALL/MINUTES

Maggie Thorne conducted the roll call. Present: 12 members, 0 alternates. Absent: 10.

The minutes from the 03/07/06 were reviewed. **A motion was made by Ton DeMeo and seconded by both Bob Wideman and Dan Newell to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried.**

III. PLAN UPDATES

Members reviewed changes to Version 1.0 of the Plan that incorporated SAFECOM Recommendations. **With minor changes, a motion was made by Chris Lake and seconded by Bob Wideman to approve. Motion carried.** A roll call vote was taken and all members agreed. Version 2 of the Plan would be presented to the Homeland Security Commission at their April 26 meeting.

IV. FORMATION OF SUB-COMMITTEES

Terry Savage asked for volunteers to serve on various subcommittees. Subcommittees were formed as follows. Members with asterisks indicate they were not present to officially accept.

Data Collection Oversight:	DeMeo (Chair), Chisel*, Savage
Policy Development:	Cobb (Chair)*, DeMeo, Johns*
Funding:	Fisher, Staley, Savage
Education/Training Awareness:	Lake (Chair), DeMeo, Conely

Glade Myler asked that he be advised of all meetings and would attend if available. He also recommended that the Education/Training Awareness Committee speak to all granting agencies to make sure that those requesting equipment are purchasing compliant equipment with the Interoperability Plan. Glade felt that there is problem with counties not being compliant with the Plan.

Terry asked Maggie to move forward in scheduling teleconference meetings for all subcommittees.

V. GRANT DISCUSSION/2007 LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

Mark Blomstrom reported that there wasn't much going on with the grant. He said he was waiting for May 31st, which is the date the Feds will advise what kind of funding we would get. He might know earlier. Glade mentioned that 5 states did not submit any grant requests and 15 states submitted requests that were not good at all. That puts Nevada in a good position; however there may be legal implications from those who couldn't meet the deadline for whatever reason.

Glade also mentioned at the State Commission Emergency Commerce meeting this morning that many counties were asking for radios but did not indicate whether they were being compliant with the Plan. Terry asked if it would help if he spoke before the Commission on the Plan and Glade agreed. Maggie was then asked to make arrangements for getting Terry on the agenda for their April 13th meeting.

Terry mentioned that nothing new has transpired since the last meeting with regards to the legislature. He did reiterate that he is putting together some additional interoperability funding requests. Glade mentioned that statute items pertaining to Homeland Security Commission are going to be addressed as well for the next session.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry mentioned that now that we have By-Laws adopted, he would be enforcing the snooze you lose rule with regards to attendance. He mentioned that we couldn't have members on the Committee who regularly miss meetings.

Terry mentioned that he would be sending a letter to SAFECOM (directed to Dr. Boyd) for their association, support, and recommendations on the Interoperability Plan.

Tony DeMeo mentioned that there will be a seminar held May 3rd at UNR, Legacy Hall, on 911. Tony said he would send the invite to Maggie for distribution to the members.

Mark Blomstrom mentioned that the National Association of Counties has been awarded a million dollar grant from DHS to work with counties (primarily to train and educate administrators) on interoperability. Terry mentioned that it may be beneficial to speak before the NV Association of Counties.

Glade mentioned that the Civil Attorney Conference is meeting in South Tahoe May 10-12th and suggested to Terry that may be a good Terry asked Glade to see about checking into that for him.

Mark Blomstrom mentioned that he and Terry would be participating at the International Wireless Communications Exposition, May 13-15 in Las Vegas. Mark will be moderating a panel discussion that Terry will be a part of.

Bob Fisher mentioned that on April 26 (afternoon) in Vegas the Western State Summit would be meeting to discuss state emergency systems. Bob indicated he would get a one page document to Maggie for distribution to the members.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm. Next meeting date: May, 2, 2006

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Draft minutes submitted by Maggie Thorne, 03/10/06

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____